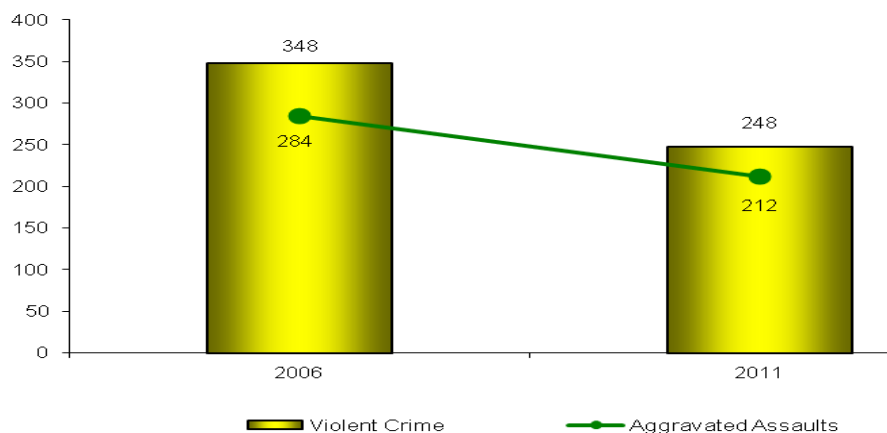


Worcester County

Working to reduce violent crime in Maryland

Governor O'Malley's primary concern for the State of Maryland is to provide safety for its citizens. To date, Maryland has the lowest homicide and violent crime rates ever reported in the state. However, the real story can be told at the local level where the difficult work of addressing violent crime and supporting victims is done every day. Over the last 5 years, through unprecedented federal, state, and local law enforcement collaboration, Worcester County has seen a 4.0% reduction in total crime and a 28.7% reduction in violent crime. In addition, there have been significant reductions in aggravated assaults (-25.4%) and motor vehicle thefts (-61.3%).

Worcester County Violent Crime Trends 2006 - 2011



WORCESTER COUNTY MAKES AN IMPACT:

Now more than ever before, crime reduction depends on federal, state, and local collaboration. Real-time information sharing, more effective crime analysis, new technology, the strategic targeting of violent offenders, and improved community resources all contributed to Worcester County's success.

Governor O'Malley's Office of Crime Control and Prevention is currently funding 21 grants in Worcester County totaling \$469,807. As a result, Worcester County has been able to implement successful crime fighting strategies such as:

- **Public Safety Computer Network** – The Ocean Pines Police Department received grant funds to receive connectivity to Worcester County Dispatch to utilize the current Records Management System, Mobile Field Reporting, and Mobile Computing Technology in order to interact with Computer Aided Dispatch.
- **Crime Analysis** - The Worcester County State's Attorney's Office Technical Operations Investigator provides essential crime mapping and analysis products while also providing highly technical investigative assistance and strategically gathered intelligence to the county's principal law enforcement agencies.

Key Initiatives

- Heightened Supervision of Violent Offenders
- CompStat on Demand
- Crime Analysis
- Crime Mapping
- Law Enforcement Technology
- Public Safety Computer Network
- Underage Drinking Enforcement
- Gun-Related Crime Reduction
- Sex Offender Monitoring
- Victim Services

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- **Underage Drinking Enforcement** – The Worcester County Health Department's Play it Safe programs targets the enforcement of underage drinking laws in Maryland. The program encourages responsible celebration/fun without the use of alcohol or drugs. This program seeks to reduce specific risk factors while increasing specific protective factors.
- **Gun-Related Crime Reduction** – The Worcester County State's Attorney's Office has a program specifically designed to comprehensively reduce gun related crimes and violence in the county. A program Coordinator monitors efforts between law enforcement, the SAO, and the community to correlate resources and efforts to reduce these crimes.
- **Sex Offender Monitoring** – The Worcester County Sheriff's Office Monitoring Support Program tracks the compliance of local sex offenders who are required to register/re-register with the Maryland Sex Offender Registry. The program benefits Worcester County by ensuring that sex offenders are in full compliance as required by Maryland law and providing reassurance to county residents.
- **Victim Services** – The Worcester County Health Department provides educational initiatives, community awareness, prevention, advocacy for policy and systematic changes, and addresses stalking awareness for domestic violence and sexual assault victims.

The Ocean City Police Department has a Domestic Violence Investigative Unit to provide information regarding domestic disturbances and their locations, offenders involved and their propensity of violence, victims involved and their injuries and future needs, likelihood of reoccurrence, officer safety concerns, follow-ups conducted, court dispositions, and referring agencies.



"Worcester County has succeeded in fighting crime by strategically identifying and then targeting its problem areas. Programs aimed at stabilizing neighborhoods enhance local communities and keep residents safe and secure. Efforts to reduce unsafe practices by visitors have protected the welfare of those visitors and help maintain a high quality of life for the area."

Governor Martin O'Malley